

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 10, with the following replacement paragraph:

P1 ---A plurality of pinch wheels 310 are positioned above a rear portion of platen 400 and are controlled to periodically index or convey media 130 across the surface of platen 400. In this embodiment, for example, there are 12 pinch wheels 310, of which only four are shown in Fig. 3 (~~shown in Fig. 2~~). However, the number of pinch wheels may vary according to the hardcopy apparatus being utilized. The force between each pinch wheel 310 and main roller 300 is preferably between about 3.33 N to about 5 N, and more preferably about 4.15 N. This pinch wheel distribution and force help to drive media 130 straight with irrelevant lateral slippage. ---